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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk Presented by Mr. Lindsay of Brewer, by request.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED FIFTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Relating to Reciprocal Agreements Concerning Operation, Regulation and Taxation of Motor Vehicles.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

R. S., c. 22, §§ 69-A - 69-C, additional. Chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto 3 new sections to be numbered 69-A to 69-C, to read as follows:

'Reciprocity: Operation, Regulation and Taxation.

Sec. 69-A. Reciprocity agreements. Notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary, the Secretary of State is empowered to make agreements or arrangements with the duly authorized representatives of the other states. District of Columbia, territories and possessions of the United States or foreign countries exempting the residents of such other states, districts, territories and possessions and foreign countries using the highways of this State from the payment of any or all taxes, fees, or other charges imposed by the laws of this State, with such restrictions, conditions and privileges as the Secretary of State may deem advisable. To be entitled to the privileges and exemptions of any such agreement or arrangements, a vehicle shall be properly registered under the laws of the state, district, territory or possession or foreign country and shall conspicuously display a legal registration plate and the operator of such vehicle shall have in his possession a registration certificate, or other evidence of such registration, issued for such vehicle. Such agreements or arrangements shall provide that a resident of this State when using the highways of such other state, district, territory or possession or foreign country shall receive substantial equivalent benefits and privileges.

Sec. 69-B. Registration. Such agreements or arrangements may provide for the registration of vehicles of a resident of one of the reciprocating states, districts, territories or possessions or foreign countries in another reciprocating state, district, territory or possession or foreign country and when a vehicle has been registered in one of the reciprocating states, districts, territories or possessions or foreign countries under such an agreement or arrangement such vehicle shall not be subject to registration in the other reciprocating states, districts, territories or possessions or foreign countries, and such vehicles shall be granted all of the benefits and privileges granted to other vehicles registered in the same state, district, territory or possession or foreign country.

Sec. 69-C. Denial or withdrawal of benefits. Such agreements or arrangements may provide for the denial or withdrawal of the benefits and privileges granted under such agreement or arrangement as to any person, corporation or association of any kind if in the opinion of the Secretary of State such person, corporation or association should not be granted such benefits and privileges.'